Abetment of terrorism by Pakistan through Drug Syndicates

6175. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware to Pakistan seeking the help of International drug syndicates to aid and abet terrorism in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the details of precautionary measures taken by Government to curb such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Government are aware that Pakistan is aiding and abetting cross-border terrorism directed against India out of finances from different sources, including funds generated through trafficking in drugs and narcotics.

Government are firmly resolved to take all necessary measures to counter terrorists, and will remain vigilant about material, financial or any other support extended by outside quarters in sustenance of activities directed against Inida.

Building of New Neuclear Reactor by Pakistan

6176. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI:
SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the 'Hindustan Times' of April 9, 1995 under the heading, "Pak building new nuclear reactor";

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard;

(c) whether the Prime Minister of Pakistan has admitted in her reported statement regarding building of a new heavy water reactor at Khushab in Punjab (Pakistan); if so, what are the details in this regard;

(d) whether Government had any prior knowledge about it and if so, since when; and

(e) what steps Government have taken so far or propose to take to safeguard the security and the interests of the country?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government is aware of reports that Pakistan is constructing, with assistance from China, a 40 MW nuclear research reactor, at Khushab. In an interview published by "The Washington Post" on 8 April, during her recent visit to the US, the Pakistani Prime Minister acknowledged that the Khushab project involved a "small reactor for an experimental purpose".

(d) and (e) Yes Sir. Government is aware of Pakistan's clandestine weapons oriented nuclear programme. The security situation of India remains constantly under review and Government will take all measures necessary to cope with any threat that may be posed to the security of the nation.

Maintenance Allowance to Families of Defence Personnel Imprisoned in Pak Jail

6177. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any maintenance allowance or pension is being given to the families of the 70 army personnel who are languishing in Pakistani jails, who were taken by Pakistan as prisoners during the 1965 and 1971 wars; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?